

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to provide public transparency for the spending of Idaho's public school districts and other education providers. By the end of 2010, the legislation requires that each school district with over 300 students to post on the internet all of their expenditures in either a nonsearchable pdf format, a searchable pdf format, a spreadsheet or in a database format.

The internet based website will contain only information that is a public record. It will not include information that is confidential or otherwise exempt from public disclosure pursuant to state or federal law.

Currently across the country there are at least 500 school districts nationwide who have already posted their checkbooks online in a pdf format.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the state General Fund. Posting expenditures online in a searchable or nonsearchable pdf format can be done with no additional outside expense and with little personnel time. A spreadsheet or database option can also be used when those programs or expertise are available. Off the shelf software can be used to create these sites.

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